

## OCLC, IAC DATABASES AVAILABLE TO MICHIGAN LIBRARIES

The Access Michigan project of the Library of Michigan, supported with federal funding, will provide Michigan libraries with **unlimited access** to 59 FirstSearch databases from OCLC, including the online ASCII full text of *H.W. Wilson Select Full Text*, UMI's *Periodical Abstracts*, *Business and Industry*, the *New York Times*, and seven additional databases which include online full text with the full record.

FirstSearch titles that became available July 1 are:

- \* ArticleFirst
- \* ContentsFirst
- \* ERIC
- \* FastDoc
- \* GPO Monthly Catalog
- \* H.W. Wilson Select Full Text
- \* MEDLINE

- \* NetFirst
- \* New York Times
- \* PapersFirst
- \* ProceedingsFirst
- \* World Almanac
- \* World Cat

Also funded by the Library of Michigan are databases provided by Information Access Corporation's General Reference Center Gold, which also became available July 1.

A simple one-page form has been mailed to the directors of all public and academic libraries in the state, as well as to REMC and Intermediate School District directors. The form is necessary to report each library's IP address directly to Information Access Company.

Forty-six other OCLC titles

will become available on September 1, 1997.

All Michigan libraries are eligible to use these online databases and to offer public access to them through the library.

Libraries will need to provide their Internet IP address to IAC, and to register with OCLC to obtain a password and I.D. NOTE: Corporate libraries are not eligible to reserve certain OCLC FirstSearch databases, which the vendor continues to sell directly to them.

For details contact Ruth Dukelow at Michigan Library Consortium at 517-694-4242 or by sending an email to [dukelow@mlc.lib.mi.us](mailto:dukelow@mlc.lib.mi.us).

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## STATE BUDGET FOR 1997-98

In the closing session of the legislature, the General Government Appropriation Bill (SB 170) was approved and sent to the Governor. State Aid to Public Libraries was increased by \$500,000 or 3.7% to a total of \$13,519,600 which will provide an estimated 47.5 cents per capita in each of the three payments. The funding for Subregional Libraries, the Wayne County

LBPH and the Detroit Public Library remains unchanged.

Two new library budget lines will provide \$406,400 for the Grand Rapids Public Library and \$276,300 in a new reimbursement fund to hold harmless public libraries that will lose millage income as a result of the new tax-free Renaissance Zones.

The Library of Michigan operations budget received

a 1.4% increase of \$103,500 and \$500,000 was added to the LM Automation line and earmarked for the support of the statewide "Access Michigan" database project, while \$90,600 was added for increased technology costs at the Library of Michigan. These amounts will not be final until the Governor has signed the appropriation bill into law.

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## HALF-MILLION PERIODICAL HOLDINGS LINKED STATEWIDE

Michigan soon will become the first state with an online combined serials and periodicals database listing more 201,000 magazine and newspaper titles and the 480,000 holdings with locations where they can be found in Michigan libraries.

The result will be a statewide computerized catalog of publications that can be accessed on the Internet via the world wide web. Through the new program, any library can have access to this comprehensive listing of periodicals held in Michigan libraries.

Called SPAN for "Serials, Periodicals And Newspapers," the huge collaborative project will include serial publications (ongoing magazines), periodicals (items published on a regular basis) and newspapers.

While the program has taken some five years to plan and implement, it contains data that has been compiled for the past 14 years and includes virtually everything published on a regular basis, notes Randy Dykhuis, executive director of the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC).

The new web location is expected to become available at Michigan libraries with Internet access beginning on August 1. Other libraries will be connected later this year.

For libraries with slow or no web access, a CD-ROM product will be produced on an interim basis. This will also make long distance phone charges unnecessary in areas where local telephone line access to the Internet is not available.

"SPAN will make it much easier for patrons to find - and borrow - newspapers, magazines, trade publications and other kinds of periodicals," said state librarian George Needham. "For the first time library users in any connected library will be able to see the titles of periodicals available at other Michigan libraries."

Dykhuis and Needham believe the project represents the first time all Michigan libraries have worked together on a project this large. The cooperative effort uses a statewide library web database and OCLC's WebZ and SiteSearch software.

Technical expertise and networking for the huge project has been provided by the Michigan Library Consortium. Funding was made possible through federal Library Services and Construction Act grants administered by the Library of Michigan. Future project funding is expected from the recently enacted Library Services and Technology Act, with the FY 1998 budget for LSTA before Congress now.

The source material for the project is local data records entered into the OCLC online database by libraries across the state. Only OCLC member libraries can use the online database. To increase use of this information, a computer tape will be produced by OCLC and, with additions and other changes, will be loaded onto the web by MLC.

Some publications might be available at many locations, while others are uniquely held by only one or a few libraries. Each is identified by a four-digit OCLC holding code or control number. Users may search the database by title of the periodical, subject, both title and subject at the same time, keyword, publisher name and OCLC number. Patrons who know a publication's author, title or Library of Congress Control Number (LCCN) can also search by that identification. Access via the MLC web server is open to all Michigan libraries through this federally-funded project.

The system is currently in beta testing and is being reviewed by a task force representing many types of libraries. To borrow publications from other libraries, patrons will use the existing statewide interlibrary loan system. A patron-initiated Interlibrary Loan system is being considered by the task force, and may be implemented later.

OCLC is the world's largest database of books, magazines and other materials. The Michigan Library Consortium provides OCLC services in Michigan.

## BEGINNING WORKSHOP ATTRACTS 51



(Above): 1997 Beginning Workshop participants gathered at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

Featuring a combination of library philosophy and practical hands-on experiences, the 1997 Beginning Workshop at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey attracted 51 library staff members from 45 libraries across the state. Participants discussed the importance of policies, administrative issues and basic skills to provide quality library service. Programming ideas were shared during a "Show & Share" evening. Michigan author Jerry Dennis (below) was featured during author night at Stafford's Bay View Inn and described the importance of libraries as he researches his books. He also shared entries from his journal that may lead to future essays or books.



## SBPH DEMONSTRATES SCREEN READERS



Staff members from the Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped traveled to Kalamazoo to demonstrate computer screen reading software and to provide access to the Internet for participants at a Blind Athletic Association Sports Education Camp. Making the computer talk were Scott Norris (left), Brent Duncan (right) and Maggie Bacon (not shown). Western Michigan University sponsors the week-long camp. By using the software, students are able to have the same Internet access as those with normal vision.

## INGHAM GENEALOGISTS DONATE NEWSPAPERS



Members of the Ingham County Genealogical Society presented microfilmed copies of 27 recently microfilmed volumes of the oldest Ingham County newspapers to the Library of Michigan. These volumes contain Ingham County News newspapers for the years 1869-1897 that had been housed at the Mason branch of the Ingham County Library and were crumbling due to the lack of ideal temperature and moisture controls. Twenty-two reels of microfilm were presented to state librarian George Needham (third from right) by (from left): Ingham County Genealogical Society board members Ed Parker and John Castle, president Joyce Darrow, (Needham), and board members Lynne Castle and Randy Gladstone. Working with the group to preserve the newspapers was Mason librarian Sharlene Tietsort. An identical copy of the microfilm reels was presented to the Mason branch of Ingham County Library.

## CENTER FOR THE BOOK HONORS HOLTZMAN



Long time Michigan Center for the Book board member Irwin T. (Toby) Holtzman (center) of Bloomfield Hills was honored by fellow board of directors members for his contributions to literacy and the promotion of books and reading. Making the presentation were State Librarian George M. Needham (left) and Michigan Center for the Book Chair Dr. Joe Mika (right).

A letter of Agreement between the boards of directors for the Library of Michigan Foundation and Michigan Center for the Book has established a fund restricted for the projects and purposes of the Center for the Book. Library of Michigan Foundation Board and staff will be responsible for the administration of the fund; the Center for the Book Board and staff will be responsible for the implementation of Center for the Book programs and projects.

Fundraising for the Center will be handled on a project-by-project basis in consultation with both boards. The new Michigan Center for the Book Fund will include funds restricted by donors or grants designated for the Center for the Book, its mission and projects.

## "ANSWER" ACCESSIBLE VIA INTERNET

In April of this year, the Library of Michigan converted to a new computerized catalog system by Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III). Due to this change, 800 number dial-up service to the NOTIS system will be discontinued on August 1, 1997. Internet access to the new system, still called **ANSWER**, is available at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us>. If you don't have an Internet connection, but do have a modem and dialer, you can connect to the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) using a guest account and link to the Library of Michigan catalog from there.

### HOW TO CONNECT USING THE MICHIGAN ELECTRONIC LIBRARY PUBLIC ACCOUNT

1. Dial the MichNet node closest to you (see listing of local Merit phone numbers which follows).
2. If you get a Host prompt, type:  
**mel.lib.mi.us**
3. When prompted for login and password, enter:  
**guest@mel.lib.mi.us** (login)  
**guest** (password)
4. To disconnect when finished, press **Control-D**

Please remember that the host machine is case sensitive and you must type all entries in **lowercase letters**!

If you have any questions, please contact the Library of Michigan at 517-373-2549 or 517-373-5508.

City	Phone Number	Speed (Kbps)	No. lines
Addison .....	517/547-5621	33.6	5
Adrian .....	517/265-6689	33.6	24
Albion .....	517/629-7450	33.6	22
Algonac .....	810/794-0451	33.6	14
Allegan .....	616/686-0008	33.6	23
Alma .....	517/466-5322	33.6	38
Alpena .....	517/356-0704	33.6	54
Ann Arbor .....	313/213-3720	33.6	420
	313/998-1300	33.6	356
Atlanta .....	517/785-4927	33.6	14
Au Gres .....	517/876-4180	33.6	4
Bad Axe .....	517/269-2693	33.6	6
Battle Creek .....	616/963-9975	33.6	27
Bay City .....	517/667-1654	28.8	60
Belding .....	616/794-1046	33.6	5
Belleville .....	313/697-9777	33.6	10
Big Bay .....	906/345-9622	33.6	4
Big Rapids .....	616/592-1040	33.6	30
Blissfield .....	517/486-2072	33.6	7

City	Phone Number	Speed (Kbps)	No. lines
Boyne City .....	616/582-7492	33.6	5
Bridgman .....	616/465-3590	33.6	6
Buchanan .....	616/695-0168	33.6	18
Cadillac .....	616/779-0683	33.6	14
Capac .....	810/395-4623	33.6	4
Carson City .....	517/584-6831	33.6	14
Caseville .....	517/856-9215	33.6	8
Cassopolis .....	616/445-8618	33.6	5
Central Lake .....	616/544-3056	33.6	11
Charlotte .....	517/543-1631	33.6	15
Chatham .....	906/439-5901	33.6	4
Cheboygan .....	616/627-2220	33.6	16
Clare .....	517/386-4684	28.8	42
Coldwater .....	517/279-7694	33.6	76
Colon .....	616/432-3245	33.6	4
Concord .....	517/524-9047	33.6	4
Dearborn (primarily U-M) .....	313/240-4300	14.4	24
Decatur .....	616/423-6023	14.4	9
Detroit .....	313/203-1130	33.6	*
Detroit (primarily WSU) .....	313/577-3425	28.8	116
Dowagiac .....	616/782-4568	33.6	22
Dryden .....	810/796-3333	33.6	9
Dundee .....	313/529-5614	33.6	6
East Lansing .....	517/353-3500	28.8	698
Edmore .....	517/427-5957	33.6	5
Edwardsburg .....	616/663-5502	33.6	4
Elsie .....	517/862-4141	33.6	4
Escanaba .....	906/789-0057	33.6	24
Evart .....	616/734-6497	33.6	4
Farmington .....	248/699-1130	33.6	*
Farmington (primarily WSU) .....	248/553-3425	33.6	30
Fennville .....	616/561-7111	33.6	17
Flat Rock .....	313/783-0141	33.6	24
Flint .....	810/232-9905	33.6	81
Frankfort .....	616/352-4134	33.6	5
Gaylord .....	517/732-1596	33.6	38
Grand Haven .....	616/846-2617	33.6	18
Grand Rapids .....	616/224-7020	33.6	165
Grayling .....	517/348-9405	33.6	8
Harrisville .....	517/724-5989	33.6	14
Hart .....	616/873-7798	33.6	9
Hastings .....	616/945-0348	33.6	12
Hillsdale .....	517/439-9102	33.6	7
Holland .....	616/355-0026	33.6	22
Holly .....	248/634-1435	33.6	10
Houghton .....	906/487-3444	28.8	8
	906/487-3120	2.4	8
Houghton Lake .....	517/366-4125	33.6	7
Howard City .....	616/937-6069	33.6	4
Howell .....	517/548-4801	33.6	40
Hudson .....	517/448-2087	33.6	4
Indian River .....	616/238-4962	33.6	5
Ionia .....	616/527-0685	33.6	14



City	Phone Number	Speed (Kbps)	No. lines	City	Phone Number	Speed (Kbps)	No. lines
Iron Mountain.....	906/774-0145	33.6	20	Springport .....	517/857-4336	33.6	4
Iron River .....	906/265-3395	33.6	10	Standish .....	517/846-1189	33.6	5
Ironwood .....	906/932-0636	33.6	25	Stephenson .....	906/753-2185	33.6	11
Jackson .....	517/788-6300	33.6	46	Stockbridge .....	517/851-7382	33.6	9
Kalamazoo .....	616/387-2070	33.6	240	Sturgis .....	616/659-0774	33.6	12
Lake City .....	616/839-6760	33.6	4	Tecumseh .....	517/424-4100	33.6	8
Lakeview .....	517/352-7571	33.6	5	Temperance .....	313/847-6662	33.6	8
Lapeer.....	248/667-7248	33.6	12	Three Rivers .....	616/279-5400	33.6	5
Lawrence .....	616/674-3296	33.6	8	Traverse City.....	616/941-9826	33.6	44
Ludington .....	616/843-7167	33.6	68	Twining .....	517/867-4141	33.6	4
Mancelona .....	616/587-0545	33.6	5	Warren .....	810/838-1130	33.6	*
Manistee .....	616/398-0302	33.6	6	Warren (primarily WSU) .....	810/795-9100	33.6	30
Manistique .....	906/341-5977	33.6	6	Wayland .....	616/792-1211	33.6	17
Marcellus .....	616/646-2608	33.6	4	Wayne .....	313/467-1632	14.4	8
Marquette .....	906/225-0222	33.6	24	Yale.....	810/387-2157	33.6	7
Mason.....	517/676-7671	33.6	6				
McBain .....	616/825-8232	33.6	4	New York City.....	212/509-5270	33.6	6
Memphis .....	248/392-9964	33.6	8	Washington, D.C. ....	202/785-9001	33.6	15
Menominee .....	906/863-3994	33.6	12				
Mesick .....	616/885-2962	33.6	4				
Metro Detroit .....	--		192				
Midland.....	517/839-2629	33.6	56				
Mio .....	517/826-1229	33.6	12				
Monroe .....	313/241-1072	33.6	16				
Mount Clemens .....	810/840-1112	33.6	*				
Morenci .....	517/458-2206	33.6	4				
Mount Pleasant .....	517/774-2224	33.6	180				
Muskegon.....	616/728-4253	33.6	51				
New Buffalo .....	616/469-5907	33.6	10				
Northport .....	616/386-5029	33.6	6				
Onaway.....	517/733-8968	33.6	10				
Ontonagon .....	906/884-6495	33.6	7				
Oscoda .....	517/739-0269	33.6	33				
Ovid .....	517/834-2258	33.6	2				
Owosso .....	517/729-7205	33.6	10				
Petersburg .....	313/279-1839	33.6	4				
Petoskey .....	616/347-1715	33.6	28				
Pinconning .....	517/879-6940	33.6	5				
Pontiac .....	248/377-1586	33.6	64				
Pontiac (primarily OU).....	248/370-4311	14.4	8				
Port Huron .....	810/364-1503	33.6	18				
Portland .....	517/647-5008	33.6	18				
Romeo .....	810/331-1212	33.6	*				
Roscommon .....	517/275-5134	33.6	10				
Saginaw .....	517/797-2814	14.4	46				
St. Helen .....	517/389-0563	33.6	8				
St. Johns .....	517/224-0502	33.6	12				
St. Joseph .....	616/983-1965	33.6	36				
Sand Creek.....	517/436-3266	33.6	4				
Sandusky.....	810/648-0039	33.6	6				
Sault Ste. Marie .....	906/635-0282	33.6	20				
Sidney.....	517/328-3300	33.6	14				
South Haven .....	616/639-1909	33.6	19				

# 1999 LOLETA FYAN RURAL LIBRARIES CONFERENCE DATES SET

The 1997 Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference Planning Committee wishes to thank all the people who attended and participated in this year's Conference. The vendors, the Internet room, the hotel staff, the speakers and the attendees all worked together to make this a great meeting!

Tentative dates and location for the 1999 Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference have been set by the Planning Committee. Mark your calendars:

## Dates for 1999

April 26-28, 1999 (Monday -Wednesday)

## Location for 1999

Grand Traverse Resort, Acme

## Fees for 1999

Full registration @ \$100

One-day registration @ \$50

## Limit of attendees for 1999

The limit is set at 350 full-registrations and 50 one-day registrations.

## Room rates at the Grand Traverse Resort for 1999

\$94-100. + taxes per night (single/double)

The registration cut-off date for the Conference will be March 26, 1999, or when the attendance limit is reached.

Registration materials will be mailed to libraries in January, 1999.

There will be keynote speakers, breakout sessions, exhibits and opportunities to network with fellow librarians from across Michigan.

# LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN REISSUES MICHICARD GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES

## Background:

One of the greatest assets of Michigan is its many libraries. Provision of walk-in access and borrowing privileges is one vital part in assuring that Michigan citizens can obtain the information they need. The need for a statewide library card was reported in **Information at Risk: Michigan Libraries in the 1990's**, the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees Task Force study of library service to Michigan residents. Representatives of all types of libraries recognized this common area of interest.

Establishment of a statewide library card project and borrowing program was recommended by the Task Force as a method for improving access for Michigan citizens to the resources and information housed in Michigan libraries.

During its 1988-89 session, the Michigan legislature supported a pilot concept and authorized an initial state appropriation for this project. In order to support the local funding of Michigan public libraries, the **MichiCard** program of expanded access was developed for borrowers in good standing, to be offered only through their local library. Participation is not required but is a decision made by each library. The Library of Michigan administers the program, and a Statewide Library Card Advisory Committee provides assistance in development and implementation of operating policies and procedures.

## Purpose:

The voluntary participation of a library in the **MichiCard** statewide library card program provides a key to resources and information housed in Michigan's libraries for many state residents. Through the increased availability of resources in participating libraries, library users have a "passport" to an expanded collection of knowledge and information. Increased library access and resultant good will helps to enhance the positive image of Michigan libraries, as well as providing improved library services for state residents.

## MichiCard Provisions:

- A voluntary program.
- All rules, policies and restrictions normally imposed by the local library will

apply to persons presenting the **MichiCard**.

- The library will issue the **MichiCard** card or affix the **MichiCard** sticker to the individual library cards held by borrowers in good standing who are residents living in the library's legally established service area or attending school in that service area. The library "service areas" are defined as the institution's legally established service area.
- Libraries **MAY NOT** issue a **MichiCard** or sticker to any nonresident who does not live in their service area or provide financial support for the library.
- **MichiCard** users must register at each library that they use.
- **MichiCard** borrowers will not be charged a non-resident fee when borrowing books from participating libraries.
- Printed materials will be made available to **MichiCard** borrowers, unless local library policies also permit the loaning of other types of library materials to nonresidents.
- The Library of Michigan will provide reimbursement semiannually to participating libraries for lost printed materials only.
- The Library of Michigan will reimburse participating libraries annually for postage costs associated with returning materials to another participating library.

## Library Eligibility:

- Any public library that wishes to participate **voluntarily** in the project must meet the state aid guidelines.
- Libraries wishing to participate must file a Board Resolution approved by its policy board which contains the basic agreements required for the statewide card project. Academic libraries must provide a resolution signed by the librarian and the institution's chief academic officer.
- Libraries wishing to withdraw from the program must also provide a board resolution stating their intent to withdraw.

## Requirements – Card Issuance:

- The local library issuing a **MichiCard** should obtain the following information, if not already listed in the file of borrowers:
  - Borrower's name, address, zip code and phone number or information that adheres to local library policy.
  - Borrower's driver's license, Michigan I.D.

card or other proper identification. An adult parent or guardian should sign for children under age 18 (or the library will follow its own local policies for such cases).

- Assign a specific future expiration date, if appropriate.
- Add all appropriate data to the **MichiCard**, or affix the **MichiCard** sticker to the local library card.

## Requirements – Circulation:

- Participating libraries normally will lend only printed materials to nonresidents presenting a **MichiCard**, but some libraries may loan other types of resources if their local policies permit.
- The rules of the lending library will apply to any loans made through **MichiCard**.

## Requirements – Return of Materials/Overdues:

- Printed materials should be returned to the library from which they were borrowed. However, if they are returned to another participating library, the returning library can be reimbursed for the postage cost.
- Overdue notices will be prepared by the lending library and sent directly to the **MichiCard** borrower.
- The lending library may charge an overdue fine to a **MichiCard** borrower for late returns to their library. The overdue charges are levied at the rate set by library policy.
- The lending library may notify the **MichiCard** borrower's home library when the final overdue notice is sent. The home library that issued the **MichiCard** is expected to contact the borrower and strongly urge compliance with the request to return the borrowed material. To comply with the Michigan Library Privacy Act, a lending library may not disclose information that links a person's name to the description of the loaned materials.
- If materials are still not returned, the participating home library may suspend borrowing privileges on the borrower's **MichiCard** for:
  - Non-return of overdue materials.
  - Refusal to pay the overdue fee charges.
- In all cases, the individual borrower is responsible for overdue materials, overdue fees and for lost materials.

### Reimbursement for Lost Printed Materials:

• After both the lending and home libraries have exhausted all normal means of obtaining delinquent materials from the **MichiCard** borrower, the lending library may submit a **MichiCard** Claims Form to the Library of Michigan. Each item lost must be listed individually, and whenever possible documentation should be provided to support the amount to be reimbursed for each printed item. There is a \$200 maximum reimbursement per item.

### Requirements – Continued Services:

- All participating libraries must continue to maintain local services, programs and collections. The **MichiCard** project cannot be used by a library to reduce or not improve the level of local services due to its participation.
- The **MichiCard** project shall not infringe upon or affect any existing contractual agreements in the participating library's service area. Residents of contract service areas are eligible for a **MichiCard** only while the contract is in force.
- Participating libraries shall keep appropriate records and statistics for project evaluation and monitoring.
- Participating libraries agree to complete a brief annual survey form relating to **MichiCard** activities.

### Library of Michigan Responsibilities:

- The Library of Michigan will provide statewide direction and coordination of the **MichiCard** project and shall:
  - Develop guidelines for implementation.
  - Produce informational and promotional materials including **MichiCard** cards, stickers, posters, flyers, guidelines, news releases and related printed materials.
  - Prepare and distribute a list of participating libraries in the **MichiCard** project on a regular basis.
  - Develop and provide all necessary applications, agreements, statistical collection forms, reimbursement claims forms and procedural guidelines.
  - Prepare and distribute annual evaluations, statistics and information related to the **MichiCard** project.
  - Accept all **MichiCard** borrowers.

## LIBRARIES DO WELL IN JUNE MILLAGE ELECTIONS

**C**aro District Library voters approved one mill district-wide on June 9 by a 173 yes to 8 no vote. The district would have been terminated under the district library agreement if a district-wide millage had not passed by October 1, 1999. Voter approval has confirmed the new district library.

Charlevoix Public Library was successful June 9 with .5 mill for operations, as voters passed the proposal by an 1,175 yes to 484 no vote. The approval also means that a district library will be established.

Cromaine District Library in Hartland passed a five-year 1.6 mill levy for operations and fund equity June 9 by a 982 yes to 680 no vote.

## ANN ARBOR NAMED LIBRARY OF YEAR

**A**nn Arbor District Library was named "Library of the Year" by *Library Journal* magazine and received a \$10,000 award from Gale Research Inc.. A color photo of library director Mary Anne Hodel and administrative team members Don Dely, Tim Grimes, Gary Pollack, Lana Straight and Marge LaRose appeared on the cover of the June 15 issue; a four-page article told how after Proposal "A" in 1994, the library successfully separated from the Ann Arbor Public Schools and re-created itself as a district library with its own governing board and tax millage.

"In the two short years that followed, the library was totally reorganized and completely reinvented...into what ultimately became the brand new, proactive Ann Arbor District Library," the magazine reported. "The skill and speed of the transition and their inventiveness in creating new services and programs are unique in the recent history of our field."

The library was praised for its 70 percent victory at the polls, won "by showing the citizens what a modern public library could deliver and how it could organize itself for fast, strong action and cooperation with other local organizations, firms, and agencies.

Also emphasized was how, as soon as it became a "new entity," "the library quickly created and staffed new human resources, business and finance, computer services, and public relations departments. It had none of those before the change. The retrofitting required the creation and/or reworking of nearly all the internal operations of the library to bring off the change, and yet it was a seamless, invisible alteration in the eyes of the library's customers. Services not only continued at very responsive levels but was expanded and improved." The award was presented to AADL director Hodel at the American Library Association annual conference in San Francisco on June 30.

Congratulations to AADL on this noteworthy national distinction!

## MSU LATEST GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE GATEWAY

**M**ichigan State University is the latest federal depository library to become a "gateway" to the U.S. Government Printing Office, giving the public access to many of the nation's most important federal documents via an Internet connection or a phone call to the GPO Access Services. Gateway users may search the databases as frequently as they like, without charge.

Users can access the MSU gateway by pointing their web browser to: <<http://gpo.lib.msu.edu>>. For local user support, contact the MSU Network Trouble Line at 517-353-4602.

You also can connect directly to GPO Access via the Library of Michigan on the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) U. S. Government & Politics page at <<http://mel.lib.mi.us/gpo>>.





*Brazilian Legislative Researcher Neide Pimenta Magalhaes (second from left) and Portuguese translator Marta Lage (left) toured the Library of Michigan June 27 and met with State Librarian George Needham and state government liaison Elaine Harrison.*

## LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN AIDS FAMILY SEARCHES

Summer offers many opportunities to get acquainted with your family roots and history at the Michigan Library & Historical Center in Lansing.

For a limited time the Library of Michigan is offering a new booklet entitled *Beginning Your Genealogical Research*. This 24-page booklet contains all the guides, forms and instructions a researcher needs to begin tracing family ancestry.

The booklet also details an easy 10-step plan on how to begin the search for one's family tree. Single copies are available without charge at the Library and at the Michigan Historical Museum.

An 18" x 24" full-color poster showing the Michigan Library & Historical Center has been produced for the bicentennial anniversary of Lansing's selection as the capitol of Michigan and the centennial commemoration of Oldsmobile in Lansing.

The poster contains six color photographs of the Michigan Library & Historical Center. Also shown are two drawings from before the turn of the century, showing the original legislative library – the forerunner of the Library of Michigan – when it was located in the west wing of the state capitol building between the House and Senate chambers. One poster is free while limited quantities last; additional copies can be purchased in the Museum gift shop for \$3 each.

In an effort to inspire genealogical interest further, the Library of Michigan is making videotapes of the television series *Ancestors*, inspired by *Roots* author Alex Haley, available for one-week free rentals during the summer. The series explores the importance of family history and consists of ten half-hour programs initially shown on Public Broadcasting Stations last winter.

The Library, located at 717 W. Allegan Street, has one of the largest genealogy and local history collections in the nation. Over 200,000 books and microforms help those searching for their ancestors. Most of the collection is housed on the second floor, on open shelves for easy access.

The extensive collection includes varied sources for those with Michigan ancestry, primarily focusing on areas from which Michigan's earliest settlers came. Included are the Great Lakes states, New England states, Mid-Atlantic states, the South, Quebec and Ontario.

A well-trained staff is available to provide basic assistance seven days per week. The Library of Michigan is open daily from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Parking is available immediately south of the Michigan Library & Historical Center between Washtenaw and Kalamazoo streets for 50 cents per hour weekdays and without charge on weekends. Please call 517-373-5578 for more information.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARDS OFFERED

The Library of Michigan Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the Loleta Fyan Continuing Education Awards.

The new awards will allow two Michigan library staff members, one each from a Class I library (1-3,999 population) and a Class II library (4,000-6,999 population), to attend a national library conference each year.

In its first year, the Foundation will make two sets of awards: two library staffers will attend the Public Library Association National Conference in Kansas City from March 10-14, 1998, and two will attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC from June 25-July 2, 1998.

The awards will be made on a random drawing basis. All qualified applications will be included in the drawings, with one draw consisting only of Class I libraries and one consisting only of Class II libraries.

Each award will consist of a \$1,500 grant to cover airfare, lodging, meals, registration fees and any miscellaneous expenses involved with conference attendance.

Entering could not be easier. Simply send a letter on your library's stationery, stating which conference you wish to attend. The letter should be signed both by the library director and the president of the board, and must include a statement from the board president saying that, if selected, the entrant will receive release time to attend the conference.

Only library employees (director or staff) are eligible, and only one award will be made to any library. Only one application per person per drawing will be accepted.

To enter the drawing for the **Public Library Association conference**, your letter must be postmarked by **September 1, 1997**. To enter for the **American Library Association conference**, your letter must be postmarked by **January 1, 1998**.

Send all entries to:

Loleta Fyan Award  
Library of Michigan Foundation  
717 West Allegan Street  
PO Box 30159  
Lansing, MI 48909.



# INTERNET POLICY AFTER RENO VS. ACLU ET AL.

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The formation of library policy in regard to access to the Internet, “the information superhighway”, has been of primary concern to library trustees for several years. The nature of the Internet, the availability of grant monies to connect libraries to the Internet, the training needs of staff and patrons, the passage of the Communications Decency Act, and questions about the use of screening programs have been the focus of national and local attention. Most recently, the Supreme Court of the United States has had its first opportunity to take a close look at the Internet and to decide how constitutional principles apply to this challenging medium of communication.

On 26 June 1997, the Supreme Court decided the case of **Reno vs. ACLU et al.**, No. 96-511. Two provisions of the federal Communications Decency Act of 1996 which sought to protect minors from harmful material on the Internet were challenged as violating the protection afforded freedom of speech by the First Amendment. The decision of the Court is being hailed by many as a victory for the First Amendment.

The Communications Decency Act sought to criminalize the “knowing” transmission of “obscene or indecent” messages and the “knowing” sending or displaying of depictions or descriptions of “patently offensive” material to any recipient under 18 years of age. Affirmative defenses to prosecution were provided to those who took “good faith”, “effective” actions to restrict access by minors to the prohibited communications.

In an opinion authored by Justice Stevens, all nine justices found the Communications Decency Act largely unconstitutional. Seven of the justices found that the prohibitions on “indecent” and “patently offensive” violated the First Amendment guarantees of free speech. Two of the justices found those aspects of the law could be salvaged if applied only to those who knowingly communicate with minors.

It is important to note that all of the justices agreed that the transmission of “obscene” materials or communications to minors was not protected by the First Amendment. This is consistent with existing law and legal precedent. The ban on Internet obscenity found in the Communications Decency Act was not challenged in the lawsuit and those provisions remain the law of the land.

Both the majority opinion, and the dissenting opinion written by Justice O'Connor, emphasize that the Supreme Court has consistently recognized the right of parents to direct the rearing of their own children and, at least implicitly, urge parents to monitor children's use of the Internet. The long recognized interest of the government in protecting children from harmful materials was also affirmed.

Because media reports of the decision vary in their degree of accuracy, library trustees should obtain copies of the opinion, available on the Internet within hours of the announcement of the decision, learn what the opinion actually says, discuss it with other members of the library community, and use it as a guide to policy in this area. There is really no substitute for actually reading the law.

The thought of reading a Supreme Court opinion may be somewhat daunting to the average citizen. The opinion in **Reno vs. ACLU et al.**, however, is extremely accessible. In contrast to many Supreme Court opinions it is short, written in clear, nontechnical language, and quite instructive. The first section of the opinion contains a masterful summary of the nature of the Internet and its capabilities, a short explanation of the Communications Decency Act, and the problems with sexually explicit material available on the Internet. This section alone is well worth the time and effort involved in obtaining and reading the opinion.

Internet access policy will long be a topic of discussion. In fact, the conversation, in all likelihood, has just begun. Trustees are urged to educate themselves on the ramifications of this opinion and other aspects of the Internet in various fora and to contribute to the conversation. Watch for announcements of a pre-conference on censorship and the Internet to be held in conjunction with the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference in November, 1997. The event is co-sponsored by the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Library Association. Join the conversation!

*The text of the opinion is available on the Internet at several sites, among them <http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/96-511.ZS.html>.*

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## SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS BEST OF SHOW

Southfield Public Library has received the American Library Association's "Best of Show" award for Special Programming. Southfield's entry was chosen from more than 150 entries for the promotional materials created for its "The Cultural Landscape of the Plantation" exhibit.

Bookmarks, flyers, posters and reception booklets were all specially designed to promote and commemorate this unique display, on loan from the Library of Congress and sponsored by the Southfield Public Library and Support Team for African American Youth. The prize-winning materials were displayed and available as samples for other libraries at ALA's June conference in San Francisco.

## FOUR TO RECEIVE 1997 MLA AWARDS

Four award winners have been announced by the Michigan Library Association. Each will be recognized at the Association's annual fall conference in Lansing later this year.

**Elaine Harrison** of the Library of Michigan will receive the **Kaiser Memorial Award**, given in recognition of an individual's contributions that have resulted in improvements for a library or Michigan's libraries in general. "Her deep involvement and commitment to continuing education for library staff has had that impact on both individuals and libraries," an MLA announcement stated. "Through her leadership in the Beginning Workshop, New Director/New Trustee Workshop, Rural Library Conference, and her standing appointment on the Cooperative Education Review Committee, high standards for continuing education in the state have been established. In addition, her service in support of the Council of State Agency Libraries has contributed to the overall improvement of library services in our state."

**Librarian of the Year** is **Christine Hage**, director of Rochester Hills Public Library. Her "strong leadership in state and national library associations along with accomplishments at her own library and community made her the unanimous choice for this award," MLA said. "It is difficult to briefly summarize all of Hage's accomplishments and accolades given in letters of support from her staff, board, colleagues (both locally and nationally), and leaders in the Rochester Hills community. In addition, several committee members commented on how willing she is to help and provide advice to others in the profession on both critical and mundane issues."

Two individuals will receive the **Trustee Citation of Merit** this year. They are **Robert Taub**, currently chair of the Dearborn Library Commission, and **Jeanette Beck Stoner**, who has been a member of the Woodlands Library Cooperative and Monroe County Library boards.

Taub has served the Commission since 1968 and is described in his nominating letter as "a force for innovation and a strong defender of the library." According to MLA, he was instrumental in securing funding for a new library building and a large fountain in front of the building. He saw the potential for videos in the library and encouraged the development of this collection earlier than other libraries. He also was instrumental in revitalizing the Friends of the Library.

Mrs. Stoner served on the Monroe County Library board from 1990-95 and currently is a member of the Woodlands board of trustees. While on the Monroe County board, she was instrumental in leading the board to establish designated reserve funds for automation, thus ensuring the establishment of a county-wide automation system. She also served the board during a very difficult time when the library was challenged about controversial materials in its collections and the library's commitment to provide open access to all, acting "with calm integrity throughout the controversy." In addition, she served as treasurer for the library's 1996 millage committee where "her efforts were crucial to the success of the campaign that passed a renewal measure by the widest margin in three decades."

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## "WRITERS LIVE" BRINGING AUTHORS TO BIRMINGHAM

Two critically acclaimed authors, novelist/poet Brad Leithauser and poet Mary Jo Salter, will appear at Baldwin Public Library's Rotary Room in Birmingham on Wednesday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. Both have Michigan roots, as he is a native Detroit and she is from Grand Rapids. After graduating from Harvard, they have lived in Japan, Iceland and Paris. Each has an impressive list of literary awards. They were married in 1980 and live with their two daughters in South Hadley, Massachusetts, where they are the Emily Dickinson Lecturers in the Humanities at Mount Holyoke College.

Now in its fifth year, Baldwin's "Writers Live at the Library" series brings some of the most celebrated writers in America to the Detroit area. "Writers Live" is supported by the Cranbrook Writers' Guild, The Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, the Baldwin Public Library Trust, and the Michigan Center for the Book. Call Baldwin Public Library at (248) 647-1700 for details.

## LEWIS NORDAN, AWARD-WINNING WRITER, COMING NOVEMBER 13

Lewis Nordan is the author of *Lightening Song*, *Welcome to the Arrow-Catcher Fair*, *The All-Girl Football Team*, *Music from the Swamp*, *Wolf Whistle*, and *The Sharpshooter Blues*. He will appear at the Community House in Birmingham on Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the "Writers Live" series. Born and raised in Itta Bena, Mississippi, he received his doctorate from Auburn University, then decided to forego academic fame as a Shakespeare scholar to write fiction about Arrow Catcher, Mississippi.

Now a professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Pittsburgh, he lists former occupations as fireworks salesman, soda jerk, yardman, lumberyard hand, hardware salesman, high school teacher, orderly, night watchman and book reviewer.

His fiction has received many awards, including the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award, the Mississippi Authors' Award for Fiction, and two American Library Association Notable Book Awards. Reviewers have praised Nordan highly. The Community House joins the above agencies as sponsors. There is no admission charge for either appearance.

◆◆◆ Christine Hage, director of Rochester Hills Public Library, is the new President-Elect of the Public Library Association of ALA. She also has been named "Librarian of the Year" by the Michigan Library Association (see separate article on page 10).

◆◆◆ Orion Township Public Library director Linda Sickles has been elected the Public Library Association board representative from the small and medium-sized library section.

◆◆◆ Groundbreaking for the new addition to the Berkley Public Library took place July 21. The Berkley Library will move to its temporary home at 14283 Eleven Mile Road in Oak Park in August and reopen there in September.

◆◆◆ East Lansing Public Library held a groundbreaking ceremony June 18 for renovations to improve the library at 950 Abbott Road.

◆◆◆ Sherry Hupp, former director of the Hamden Library System in Hamden, Connecticut, became director of Cromaine Library in Hartland on May 19.

◆◆◆ Edward Adams, Jr. is the new director of Pontiac Public Library.

◆◆◆ Brian Stoutenburg, director of the Cherokee Regional Library System in Lafayette, GA, has been named director of Troy Public Library and assumed his new duties July 2.

◆◆◆ Alpena County Library will present "Authors in the Fall" with Judith Guest appearing September 20 and Anne Perry on October 17. Guest will appear in conjunction with an open house marking the completion of library renovations. Perry, a noted mystery author coming to Alpena from Scotland, will speak at a dinner. For more information or

reservations, contact Judi Stillion or Jeanne Ludlow at 517-356-6188.

◆◆◆ "Beacon to the 21st Century" is the theme for the Special Libraries Association-Great Lakes Regional Conference IV scheduled for October 1-3 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Milwaukee, WI. For details visit their web page at <http://www.uwp.edu/glrc> or contact conference coordinator Mary Jo Hansen via email at [mjh@execpc.com](mailto:mjh@execpc.com) or by mail at P.O. Box 1403, Brookfield, WI 53008-1403.

◆◆◆ The Library Network recently purchased a new headquarters building at 13331 Reeck Road, Southgate, MI 48195. Current plans are to move by the end of August.

◆◆◆ The printed volume which lists 1996 Public and Local Acts of the Legislature of the State of Michigan is being published for the first time by an out-of-state firm rather than the Michigan Legislative Service Bureau. Conway Greene Publishing Co. received the contract to produce the publication, which lists all laws enacted during the 1996 Regular Session of the Michigan Legislature. Also included are local acts, veto messages of the Governor, executive reorganization orders, joint resolutions, constitutional amendments, initiated laws, the certificate of adjournment of the Secretary of State, abstracts of proceedings relative to incorporation and change of boundaries of cities, villages and townships, the annual report of the State Treasurer, and final apportionment and district plans. The volume supplements the 1979 edition of the Michigan Compiled Laws but only includes laws enacted during the 1996 Regular Session. Copies will continue to be distributed free to state document

depository libraries. Otherwise they are \$80 softbound or \$90 hardbound plus \$5.50 shipping for the first volume and \$1.00 for each additional volume. To order, contact Conway Greene at 1414 South Green Road, Suite #205, South Euclid, OH 44121 or phone 800-977-2665 or 216-691-3870 or fax to 216-691-3883.

◆◆◆ St. Clair County Library in Port Huron has reorganized under the district library law and is officially renamed Blue Water District Library.

◆◆◆ Clinton Chippewa Valley District Library in Clinton Township has amended its district library organization plan and renamed the library as Clinton-Macomb Public Library. As of July 1, its new address is 43245 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

◆◆◆ Larry Davenport, former director of Warren Public Library, has become the media specialist for Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

◆◆◆ The Friends of Michigan Libraries have had two successful linkings this year. An above capacity group met at the new Northville Library to hear about membership. In May they met at Ann Arbor to hear about marketing libraries and friends. Friends and potential friends are invited to an Upper Peninsula meeting September 22 at Rudyard. For information, call Marcia Barker at 313-397-0999 or consult the next issue of the "Among Friends" newsletter. Anyone with questions about Friends groups is invited to phone for assistance.

◆◆◆ Benzie Shores District Library director Cathy Carter of Frankfort participated in a week-long National Security Seminar June 2-6 at the U.S. Army War College in Carlyle,



PA. Her seminar group included 12 officers with two foreign generals as well as eight citizens from diverse backgrounds. They discussed domestic issues, international relations, the future of America, the future of the military and many other thought-provoking topics.

◆◆◆ Lakeland Library Cooperative and Lakeland Area Library Network have relocated to 4138 3-Mile Road, Grand Rapids, MI 49544-1134. Their new phone number is 616-559-5353 and their fax is now 616-559-4329.

◆◆◆ Up to now the Law Library has been located in the Law Building at 525 W. Ottawa Street. As of July 1, that building has been renamed the G. Mennen Williams State Office Building. Williams was governor from 1949-1960 (six terms) and served on the state Supreme Court from 1971 to 1987, including four years as chief justice. He died on Feb. 2, 1988. Recently the Olds Plaza Building was renamed the George Romney State Office Building.

◆◆◆ Leslie industrialist Leonard Len has announced a gift of up to \$250,000 to help pay for a new library building for the community. Plans call for a new 3,150 square foot building on the northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Race streets, on land owned by the Leslie School District. The Leslie branch is part of the Ingham County Library System, where voters will have an opportunity to approve a proposed new district library on August 5.

## STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUMMARY - FY 1997

By now, all qualified public libraries should have received their final State Aid payment. Final payment to public libraries for minimum requirements and cooperative membership were completed the week of June 9. A total of 374 libraries qualified for state aid this year, an increase of five libraries over the last fiscal year. Statistics for 1997 State Aid to Public Libraries include:

- \$13,019,600 appropriated for State Aid to Public Libraries in fiscal year 1996-1997.
  - \$4,207,230 distributed to Public Libraries meeting minimum standards.
  - \$4,202,754 to Public Libraries that are Cooperative members for purchase of cooperative services.
  - \$4,276,604 per capita payments to Library Cooperatives for operations.
  - \$276,921 density payments to Library Cooperatives serving rural areas.
  - \$56,091 to eligible County Libraries for reimbursable salaries of the county library director.
- 383 of 386 Public Libraries filed a State Aid Application/Annual Report.
- Final per capita rate - 45.8¢ in FY 1997 versus 45.5¢ in FY 1996.

## NEW STATE AID GUIDELINE IN EFFECT FOR FY 1998

At the May 15, 1997 Legislative Council meeting, a new State Aid guideline was approved. The new guideline requires all public libraries and library cooperatives to file a State Aid Application/Annual Report or a letter of intent to file an application by February 1 of each filing year. A library submitting a letter of intent to file by the deadline must send a completed application no later than March 31. Libraries not meeting these deadlines will not be eligible for state aid funds.

The new guideline will enable the final payment process to begin in April instead of June. Each year some libraries file applications, accompanied by a letter of explanation, long after the statutory deadline. Final state aid payments can not be made until all applications are received. Late applications delay the entire process and prevent the majority of libraries from receiving their final payment in a timely fashion. The delay has contributed to financial constraints for some libraries.

Application packages will be mailed to public libraries and library cooperatives on October 1. A complete set of instructions detailing the application process and letter of intent to file will be included.

## Would you like "Access" to reach you directly?

If your library's copy of this newsletter does not always reach your desk or is delayed along the way, simply return this slip, giving us your name, title and address, and we'll send a copy directly to you. There is no cost for persons employed by a library, serving on a library board of directors or affiliated as a friend or volunteer at a library. Return to the address below.

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